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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/071,280	Applicant(s) CHA, CHANG YUL	
	Examiner Edna Wong	Art Unit 1753	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 March 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-14 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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This is in response to the Amendment dated March 25, 2004. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Response to Arguments

Specification

The disclosure has been objected to because of minor informalities.

The objection to the disclosure has been withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims **1-5** have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Wicks et al.** (US Patent No. 5,968,400).

The rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wicks et al. has been withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendment.

Response to Amendment

Election/Restrictions

This application contains claims **6-14** drawn to an invention nonelected without traverse in the Memorandum dated December 29, 2003. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37

CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Claim Objections

The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claims **6 (new)-9 (new)** been renumbered **15 (new)-18 (new)**.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims **15-18** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 15

line 1-2, "wherein said microwaves further comprise being radiated upon said platform from above".

Claim 16

line 5, "radiating from above said platform with microwaves to produce pyrolysis of said waste".

Applicant's specification does not disclose radiating the microwaves from above the platform.

Cha (US Patent No. 6,187,988 B1) teaches a microwave reactor **60, 70** comprising a hollow cylinder of carbonaceous material **62, 75** surrounded by a helical coil carrying microwaves **63, 72** (col. 4, lines 26-29 and lines 40-48; and Fig. 1).

A platform having microwaves irradiated from above would have not been obvious from a hollow cylinder surrounded by a helical coil carrying microwaves.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims **1-5 and 15** define over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach or suggest a process for microwave destruction of solid harmful waste contaminated waste comprising the steps of compacting, radiating, collecting and treating as presently claimed, esp., wherein said purge gas exit temperature does not exceed 300°F.

Claims **16-18** define over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach or suggest a process for microwave destruction of solid harmful waste contaminated waste comprising the steps of compacting, radiating, collecting and treating as presently claimed, esp., wherein said purge gas exit temperature does not exceed 300°F.

The prior art does not contain any language that teaches or suggests the above. *Wicks et al.* do not teach wherein said purge gas exit temperature does not exceed 300°F. Therefore, a person skilled in the art would not have been motivated to adopt the above conditions, and a prima facie case of obviousness cannot be established.

Claims 15-18 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Citations

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Cha (US Patent No. 6,187,988 B1) is cited to teach a process for treating water-borne hazardous matter decomposition.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

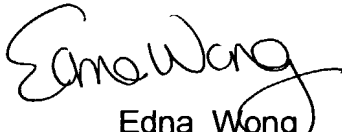
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edna Wong whose telephone number is (571) 272-1349. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:30 am to 5:00 pm, alt. Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nam Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-1342. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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